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FOLLOWING ANSWERS TO NUMBERED QUESTIONS POSED IN REFTEL:

1. THE PAYMENT OF TUITION FEES, LABORATORY FEES, BOOK ALLOWANCE AND MONTHLY STIPENDS IS MADE THROUGH THE IIE. IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM UNESCO TO THE IIE FOR THIS PURPOSE, NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOW UNDERWAY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN IMPREST ACCOUNT. UNESCO HAS THIS ARRANGEMENT WITH ADMINISTERING AGENCIES IN SOME OTHER COUNTRIES. THIS PROCEDURE WOULD INVOLVE A REGULAR TRANSFER IN ADVANCE OF A CERTAIN SUM OF MONEY FROM UNESCO TO COVER PAYMENTS TO BE MADE DURING A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME, SUCH AS TWO MONTHS, WITH MONTHLY ACCOUNTING AND REPLENISHMENT. THIS MEANS THAT FUNDS WOULD NO LONGER BE TRANSFERRED ON A FELLOWSHIP BASIS, AND WE THINK IT WILL GREATLY SIMPLIFY FINANCIAL OPERATIONS.

2. AT THE TIME A FELLOWSHIP IS AWARDED, UNESCO WILL USUALLY ORDER THROUGH THE COOK'S OFFICE IN UNESCO A ROUND-
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INCLUDES, IF POSSIBLE, ALL THE STOPS THE FELLOW WILL MAKE IN THE UNITED STATES. THE IIE ARRANGES LOCAL TRAVEL FOR VISITS NOT INCLUDED ON THE INTERNATIONAL TICKET. FOR A FELLOW'S RETURN TRAVEL TO HIS COUNTRY, UNESCO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH MATTERS AS TICKET REVALIDATION WHEN NEEDED AND FOR ANY CHANGES IN TRAVEL PLANS. THESE ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE THROUGH OUR COOK'S OFFICE IN CONJUNCTION WITH EITHER A LOCAL COOK'S AGENCY OR AN AIRLINES OFFICE. THE LOCAL AGENCY NORMALLY DEALS DIRECTLY WITH THE FELLOW CONCERNING HIS RETURN TRAVEL.

3. UNESCO DOES NOT, IN MOST CASES, PROVIDE FOR INSURING A FELLOW AGAINST SICKNESS, ACCIDENT OR DEATH. HOWEVER, IF THE FELLOW PASSES THE MEDICAL EXAMINATION REQUIRED BY UNESCO, HE CAN BE REIMBURSED FOR MEDICAL EXPENSES INCURRED DURING THE COURSE OF HIS FELLOWSHIP. IN THE CASE OF THE UNITED STATES, FELLOWS ARE INSURED. THE INSURANCE IS PAID FOR BY UNESCO AND PREMIUMS ARE PAID AND CLAIMS HANDLED BY THE IIE. THE INSURANCE COVERS ALL MEDICAL AND ACCIDENT LIABILITIES.

4. UNESCO GENERALLY PAYS FOR THESIS EXPENSES IF THE THESIS IS PART OF A FELLOW'S PROGRAM. IN SPECIAL CASES, UNESCO WILL PAY FOR CERTAIN EQUIPMENT REQUIRED BY A FELLOW'S PROGRAM. UNESCO WILL SOMETIMES MAKE AN EXCEPTIONAL ALLOWANCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF CLOTHING IF A HARDSHIP IS CAUSED BY A LARGE DIFFERENCE IN CLIMATE BETWEEN A FELLOW'S COUNTRY AND THE LOCALITY OF HIS STUDIES. THESE LATTER CASES ARE RARE. SPECIAL REQUESTS FOR THESE BENEFITS USUALLY REACH UNESCO THROUGH THE IIE; IF UNESCO APPROVES THEM, AUTHORIZATION FOR PAYMENT IS SENT TO THE IIE.

5. FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 1974 UNESCO WILL SUBMIT APPROXIMATELY 200 APPLICATIONS TO THE IIE. THIS ESTIMATE IS BASED UPON PREVIOUS YEARS AND THESE APPLICATIONS WILL BE FOR STUDIES DURING 1974 AND DURING THE 1974/1975 ACADEMIC YEAR. THE SENDING OF APPLICATIONS TO THE IIE WILL GATHER MOMENTUM DURING THE LAST MONTHS OF 1973.

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PREVIOUS YEARS WE ESTIMATE THAT THERE WILL BE ADDITIONALLY ABOUT 50 "SENIOR FELLOWS" MAKING STUDY TOURS IN THE UNITED STATES DURING 1974. THESE FELLOWS, WHO ARE PEOPLE EXERCISING DUTIES OF HIGH RESPONSIBILITY IN THEIR COUNTRIES, BENEFIT AT PRESENT FROM NON-FEE CONSULTANT CONTRACTS. THEY MAKE THEIR OWN PROGRAM ARRANGEMENTS, AND UNESCO PAYS THEM DIRECTLY. THEIR PROGRAMS ARE NOT ADMINISTERED BY THE IIE, BUT THE IIE IS INFORMED OF THEIR

VISITS IN THE UNITED STATES.

6. THOUGH THE COMMENCEMENT OF LONGER-TERM FELLOWSHIPS GENERALLY CLUSTERS AROUND THE MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER AND JANUARY BY REASON OF THE U.S. ACADEMIC CALENDAR, SHORT-TERM FELLOWS ARRIVE IN THE UNITED STATES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. BETWEEN THE SUBMISSION OF A CANDIDATE'S DOSSIER TO THE IIE AND HIS ARRIVAL IN THE UNITED STATES ONE CAN IDEALLY COUNT ON A PERIOD OF AT LEAST FOUR MONTHS. IN MOST INSTANCES, A PROGRAM CAN BE ARRANGED IN TWO TO THREE MONTHS, AND THE FORMALITIES FOR THE AWARD OF THE FELLOWSHIP AND A FELLOW'S DEPARTURE CAN BE CONCLUDED IN FOUR TO SIX WEEKS. IN FACT, OWING TO DELAYS IN THE RECEIPT OF CANDIDATES' DOSSIERS AT UNESCO HEADQUARTERS, THE IIE IS OFTEN ASKED TO EXPEDITE PLACEMENT IN A SHORTER PERIOD OF TIME.

7. IN ADDITION TO ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ABOVE, B. MONSOUR, ACTING DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF TRAINING ABROAD, SUGGESTS THAT DEPT. MAY WISH TO CONSULT THE "GUIDE TO UNESCO FELLOWSHIPS" FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION. STONE

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